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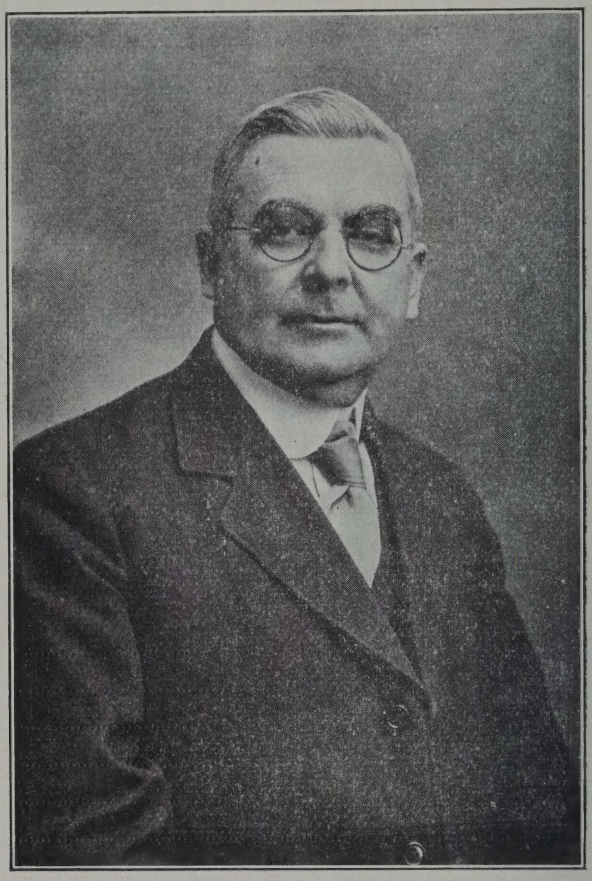
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This Issue Of The *Briscoe Briefs* Is
Respectfully Dedicated
To
SETH HOWARD CHACE
Superintendent Of Beverly Schools
1913—

"Blisful is that man that may seen the clere well of good"
Chaucer

AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR SUPERINTENDENT

(By Charles Campbell, News Editor)

ROBERT BUCKLEY, the Editor-in-Chief of our staff, and I had been commissioned to interview Seth Howard Chace, Superintendent of the Beverly schools, and to obtain from him the story of his life.

Figuratively speaking, we "shook in our boots," just before entering the "sanctum sanctorum" of that famous personage. However, we squared our shoulders and tried to look nonchalant when the secretary told us that Mr. Chace was ready to receive us.

We wondered what would be the the nature of our reception, but were soon set at ease by the friendly look on Mr. Chace's face as he invited us into his office.

After exchanging greetings, we each sank into a chair, and proceeded on the business of our visit. We informed him that at a meeting of the *Briscoe Briefs staff*, it had been voted that this issue of the *Briscoe Briefs* be dedicated to him. Here a look of surprise leapt into his eyes, and he told us that he felt honored.

Robert and I then plied Mr. Chace with questions and we learned the following interesting facts about the life of our superintendent.

Mr. Chace was born in East Freetown, Massachusetts, on August 27, 1871. In the school which he attended there was an ordinary woodstove, and a boy received twenty-five cents a week for keeping the wood box supplied with fuel. Mr. Chace, however, never had that job.

He prepared for college at Bristol Academy in Taunton, Massachusetts. He graduated in 1889, and entered Brown University. In that college he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He played the violin in the college orchestra. He did tutoring, worked in stores, sold tickets for athletic games, spent one summer as a book agent, and worked six months on an encyclopedia. His favorite exercise in the gymnasium was acrobatics. He graduated from Brown in 1893 with the degree of A. B. (Bachelor of Arts) having specialized in political and social science. He received his master's degree also at Brown. He received his State Normal School diploma from Hyannis Normal School in 1905.

Mr. Chace taught in a private school in Providence for two years. He was a submaster at the Attleboro High School, and later principal of the Harwich High School. After two and one-half years, he was elected Superintendent of schools in a district including Harwich, Brewster, Orleans, and Eastham. He was Superintendent in Ayer and West Boylston, after which he went to Lowell, where he became Superintendent of schools in Tyngsboro, Dracut, Tewksbury, Wilmington, and North Reading. He was elected Superintendent of Schools in Beverly, in 1913, and has held that position since then.

In 1925 he received his degree of Ed. M., (Master of Education) from Harvard University. He is Secretary-treasurer of the New England Association of School Superintendents and the Massachusetts School Superintendents' Association. He has spoken before the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association. He annually makes traveling arrangements for the New England school superintendents to attend their annual convention.

In Beverly, Mr. Chace belongs to the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commmerce, the Get-together club of Saint Peter's Church, and the Y. M. C. A.

We asked Mr. Chace what his avocation was, and he replied laughingly, "Tinkering-anything from mowing a lawn to taking n automobile apart."

We also asked him for his philo sophy of life, to which he replied after thinking deeply, "My philosophy has always been: Look for the good in others, and you will surely find it."

We both had dreaded this interview, as it was our first assignment;l but it turned out to be a delightfu experience, one of the most enjoyable and interesting half-hours of our lives, for we had spent it with one of the kindest and finest of men—

SETH HOWARD CHACE

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EDITORIALS

Seth Howard Chace

(By Robert Buckley, Editor-in-Chief)

THERE are some people who claim to be able to explain true greatness in a pat little theory. They will find themselves at sea, if they investigate, among others, the character of Seth Howard Chace the Superintendent of the Beverly schools. Here they will find a man who belies all their ideas, for in Mr. Chace are so many tangible and intangible qualities which help to make up his splendid character, that it is well-nigh impossible to put them in to words.

His life story, as told in the preceding interview, shows no boasting or egotism, and its telling was interspersed with droll remarks and laughing chats; but that same story shows the successful heights which Mr. Chace has reached, by virtue of hard work, perseverance, and natural ability.

He has done more for the Beverly schools and, through them, for Beverly citizens than any other man in Beverly's history; and surely deserves a prominent place in Beverly's Hall of Fame.

This much alone should be enough to make him a great man, but there is more. Mr. Chace is widely known throughout the United State as one of the most progressive educators in the country.

Notwithstanding all this, Mr. Chace remains as quiet and unobtrusive as any private citizen, never boasting about the honors he has received.

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
We're toiling upward in the night."

The Seadromes

REGULAR airplane service to Europe is a certainty within the next three years. The new seadromes to be built will make flying to Europe as common as driving across the continent.

Plans are made to have eight seadromes at different places in the Atlantic Ocean. The Armstrong seadrome will be a floating landing deck. It will be one hundred and thirty feet above the normal surface of the ocean. In the middle and at either end will be gasoline and oil tanks, repair stations, storage rooms for supplies, quarters for the workmen, and a hotel large enough to accommodate one hundred people at night. It is estimated that the trip from New York to Eurpoe will take twenty-four hours, and probably passengers would like to break the trip and spend the night in one of the drome hotels.

This is a wonderful enterprise, and it should do much toward increasing international good will between United States and other nations.

—Frances Wilson.

HOW ABOUT THE 6-3-3 PLAN?

FROM reputation and record Beverly ranks high in the field of modern education except in one particular—and that is, in its Junior High School organization and buildings.

We are trying to modernize Briscoe, by building a new dining room, providing new lights and new stairs; but it is like putting stylish clothes on "Grandma". They just don't look right.

Beverly needs a new Junior High School and there is no "getting out of it". All progressive city school systems have the 6-3-3 plan, (that is, they have the first six grades in the grammar schools, the seventh, eighth, and ninth in the Junior High, and the remaining three grades in the Senior High School.) Even Danvers, a small neighboring town, has put up a Junior High School building of which a large city would be proud.

Some people will say we are still paying for the High School. Didn't Danvers build a Senior High School almost immediately after the Junior High was finished? Seven years have passed since the building of our Senior High School.

Both the Beverly Senior and Junior High Schools are overcrowded. Why not combine both problems and find a solution? Looking to the future, the most practical solution is—that as both are overcrowedd, and as most modern cities and towns have the 6-3-3 plan, Beverly should erect a new Junior High School building, large enough to hold the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades; and that will leave plenty of room for the last three grades at the present Senior High School.

—*Henry Guinivan.*

"GOODBYE BRISCOE"

"Goodbye, Briscoe"—how these words will ring through the minds of over 300 Briscoe pupils on the day upon which they leave their school, perhaps never to return. The same words will strike sorrow into the hearts of these boys and girls, who are about to lose the pleasures and comforts which have been theirs for two years.

Of course I refer to the eighth grade which graduates this year. For eighty school weeks they have pursued their studies under the guiding hand of Mr. Cronin, with the able assistance of the teachers. For 400 days school, they have received all that it within the power of the faculty to give them—character training, the art of learning, a knowledge of academic subjects, vocational guidance, clubs, a school paper, an orchestra, supervised athletic competition, and participation in control of school government and traffic.

Now let us see if they have profited by these advantages. Will they, in later years, be able to say that they have made the most of the opportunities offered them at Briscoe?

To the coming eighth grade, I only say that its members have received all that Briscoe can give them, for one year; and they will find these benefits doubled next provided they "Play the Game Fair." —*Robert Buckley.*



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Mother's Day

I THINK every one of us can spare one day out of the year to thank our mothers for what they have done for us.

Our mothers never get any pay except our love and kindness, and I fear too little of that.

Just think back through the years. Remember all the kindness, love, and sympathy she gave to you? The night you bruised your thumb? The time you had the croup and she wanted to go away? Of course she stayed at home until you were better.

We could, I am sure, try to pay her back by being kind, loving, and thoughtful on Mother's day which is really *every day*. —*J. MacMurty*

Chief Grant

CHIEF Robert H. Grant, head of the Beverly Fire Department, was eighty-six years old on April 30. He is said to be the oldest active chief in the United States, if not in the world.

His career in the fire department began seventy-five years ago as a torch-boy; and from that position he has worked his way up to his present office,

He is a man of whom Beverly may be proud, and deep gratitude is due him for his untiring efforts to promote and establish the safety and welfare of the citizens of this city.

We hope that he may continue his able leadership for many more years.—*Eleanor Robertson*, 8 *G L.*

A Message from the Advisory Council To Our Friend and Principal

MR. CRONIN is one of whom we all take note; for on certain occasions, it appears that he has the power to paint what has occurred or what must occur, with such clearness to us boys and girls of Briscoe School, that we feel as if the facts described were being acted before our eyes.

By guiding our thoughts in the right direction, he leads us to do gladly what an hour before we would not have been capable of accomplishing. He makes the sad ones glad, the disorderly ones penitent, the lazy ones ambitious, and fills all our hearts and souls full of hope and joy.

Mr. Cronin is a principal for whom our affection rises to reverence.

He is an open door to service, sacrifice, and love. He labors for justice, righteousness, and peace for his pupils, who serve him in loyalty and faith. *His* time is always *our* time. He has never been known to turn down a penitent boy or girl; and is always lifting up some pupil who has failed to act according to the standards of our school.

So to you, Mr. Cronin, our Principal, we wish you well; we believe in you and your future for "He that brings sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from himself." —*Norman Eastwood*

The Benefit of School Assemlies

BESIDES our monthly assemblies, we have also had weekly assemblies conducted by each home room.

These have given more children a chance to take part in extra curricula activities. Thus many pupils have acquired poise and self confidence; two qualities for which many grown people strive. If this gift of self confidence is retained in later life, most of the pupils will never know the meaning of "stage fright."

Each home room has had as guest speaker at its assembly, some prominent Beverly citizen, whose talk has greatly inspired the pupils. School assemblies are an asset to any school system, and should be encouraged in every way. Many pupils when grown to manhood or womenhood will be grateful to Briscoe for the benefits derived from these assemblies.—*Norman Blotner, 7H.*

Welcome to the New Seventh Grades

WELCOME to the pupils new to Briscoe! We are sure you will like our faculty, our principal, Mr. Cronin, our clubs and councils, and the interesting curricular work which has been prepared for you.

We know that you will "go big" for basket ball and football. We also hope that you will enjoy yourselves at the various assemblies which will be given for your benefit.

Above all, remember in time of temptation, our motto, "Play the Game Fair".

We feel certain that you, the new Seventh Grades, will never bring dishonor to our beloved school, and that you will ever uphold her fine standards.

—*Raymond Johnson.*

LITERARY

When Tom Sawyer Visited Briscoe

WHAT fun! *Tom Sawyer* was coming to visit Briscoe! Tom with all his mischief and adventure. Would he, while here, find hidden gold or visit the graveyard at midnight?

The classes just could not act right. The teachers, who were also more or less excited, taught everything backwards and then scolded the children for not learning quickly. The whole school was thrilled, for Briscoe was to give Tom a good example of modern school life with all its rules and regulations.

When it was nearly time for Tom to arrive, all the pupils went to the assembly hall where Mark Twain's hero was to be introduced.

The door opened and in walked Mr. Cronin leading a very frightened, barefooted boy. This was Tom Sawyer. A sudden hush fell upon the otherwise noisy audience as this ragged boy was helped to the stage, where he stood white and trembling. "Where did all these children come from," thought the bewildered Tom.

After a short introduction, Mr. Cronin said that Tom would spend the day in one room only. What one would it be? The classes sat for a few moments almost without breathing. Of course everyone wanted to be the room chosen.

Mr. Cronin looked about thoughtfully and said, "I think that "8 G X" may have the honor." Cheers arose from our class and groans from the others. Poor Tom, he was so amazed at our behavior that he just stared blankly, first at the children and then at the faculty, much as if he expected to see each pupil punished.

Later while passing from one room to another he expressed his thoughts to a boy near him. Imagine his surprise when he was told that no pupil was whipped in school, as the Spirit of Briscoe ruled us here. "You must be able to do almost anything you want to if you do not get punished", answered Tom. But the other boy had no time to reply.

In the next class, which was English, Tom, who was not a bit interested in adjective clauses, decided to throw "spitballs." One after another flew here and there. The pupils divided their interests between watching others being hit and by ducking to avoid being hit themselves. The teacher, whose back was turned as she was busy writing on the black-board, was unaware of the disturbance in the room. At the sound of a surprised giggle, she turned around quickly and saw Tom, with his face set, hurridly throwing "spitballs" at the laughing faces about him.

"Well! What are you trying to do?" asked the teacher in a sharp tone that always meant danger. "Come to the front of the room at once," was the command.

An awkward, shamedfaced boy walked slowly toward the teacher's

desk. What was going to happen? "I suppose that I am going to get punished," thought poor Tom.

"Why, Tom Sawyer, I thought that you were our guest," said the teacher.

"I—er—Mr. Cronin—er."("Goodness, but she looks cross," thought Tom,) Aloud he replied, "Er—Mr. Cronin said that I was a member of the class for today. A boy said the teachers did not whip us; and although I knew it was too good to be true, I thought that if it were possible, I would have some fun and I did. Now, teacher, you can 'lick' me, but as I am only visiting and do not know the laws of a modern school I wish that you would forgive me." This was a long speech for Tom, and so he stopped and waited for something to happen.

The pleading look in his eyes as he spoke had however made quite an impression on the teacher, and she was again her normal self. In easy comforting tones she explained the rules of a modern school. She also stated that the Briscoe pupils have the true Briscoe spirit and honor within them, and that they do not need to be whipped. She said that each boy and girl love their school, and do all they can to make it the best in the country.

Tom Sawyer, understanding what was expected of a pupil in Briscoe, finished the rest of his visit without causing any more mischief.

—*Mildred White*

Lady Clare Goes Visiting

"HURRAH!" shouted Joan, "My mother has invited Miss Norton to tea Wednesday afternoon, and she is going to bring *Lady Clare* with her. Mother said we could come, too."

Joan had run all the way to Catherine's home to tell this exciting news. Joan and Catherine were close chums. Miss Norton was a friend of Joan's mother and also the girl's teacher in school The girls had never seen Lady. Clare, but they had heard Miss Norton talk about her frequently of late. Joan's mother evidently knew Lady Clare, but always changed the subject when the girls questioned her about this great lady.

"My, I wonder what Lady Clare looks like," said Catherine. "By her name she sounds like an English lady of nobility. Maybe she'll wear a long satin gown and ten rings on her fingers."

"Well, you won't have to wait long. Only two more days before the party," laughed Joan.

Those days dragged slowly for the girls. No one seemed to know anything about Lady Clare, but the girls were sure she was a lady of high rank.

Wednesday morning dawned and as there was no school that week the girls spent the morning in getting their clothes all ready for the afternoon party.

Joan was to stay at Catherine's house for dinner and the two would go to Joan's together.

Dinner was a jolly meal. Catherine was excited. She said she was sure she would forget her table manners, and Miss Norton and Lady Clare would be shocked.

After dinner the girls walked slowly over to Joan's because the tea would not begin until two o'clock. There they waited impatiently for the visitors. At last a knock on the door was heard. Joan's mother opened the door and in walked Miss Norton. Joan and Catherine were hiding behind the door for they wanted to be the first to catch a glimpse of Lady Clare. Behind Miss Norton strode a huge collie dog, but where was Lady Clare? To their astonishment Miss Norton introduced the dog as Lady Clare.

Lady Clare—the one whom the girls had fussed about for two days, the one whom Miss Norton talked so much about, was only a dog.

—*Eileen Bollard.*

Grit

IT all came so suddenly! Beethoven, the great German composer, never knew he was deaf until that fatal day when a peasant was playing the flute, and no sound came to the musician's ear.

Before this there had been some buzzing and, ringing in his ears, but he had always managed to catch the words of people who spoke to him. It was a very sad sight to see Beethoven playing the piano, and know that he could not hear what he was playing. It often sent people from the hall with tears in their eyes.

Although the great man could not hear, it did not stop his magnificent work; and he continued playing and composing masterpieces until his death.

—*Marie La Course, 8CM*

The 8 G L Comic Tragedy

DING, dong! ding, dong! The clock struck ten and a knock was heard at the front door. I opened the door and there stood that old sleuth, Sherlock Holmes.

"Hello, Sherlock, old boy, how are you?" I asked.

"Fine, but don't call me Sherlock or Mr. Holmes, just 'Sherry.' O K?" was the latter's quick reply.

The next night 8 G L gave a banquet in honor of "Sherry." Mr. Cronin and other Briscoe notables were present. Of course "Bill" Lawson, our chairman, led on Mr. Cronin.

Just as our principal was about to speak, the lights went out; and when someone turned them on again, a chair was vacant. Immediately we missed Bradford Laurence, our chief comedian.

Of course "Sherry" started on the case. He questioned everyone there and asked if Bradford had any enemies. "No," we replied, "Everyone loves "Braddy!"

Next "Sherry" sent Henry Guinivan, who was crying over the loss of Bradford, to call the police.

When the police arrived, "Sherry" instructed them to be on the lookout for our famous comedian. Then he told our hero, John Davison, to guard the front door. John was delighted to play the part of "Old Sleuth" again and swaggered to his post. Charles Campbell, our star cub reporter on the *Briscoe Briefs* staff, was ordered to guard the back door. I went down later to check up on John's report and this is what I read;

Report of Detective John Davison Esq:—

Red stain discovered on the carpet. I fear foul play! Send for the ambulance.

"Sherry" investigated the red stain and said disgustedly, "It's only red ink." The "Big Four consisting of "Sherry," John, Henry Guinivan, and Walter Lantz went into a conference. At last they hit upon a very clever scheme.

"We'll have Bradford back in a minute," stated "Sherry". "Jordy" Katz imitated Bradford's dog but there was no response. "Anton" Rubinstien, alias Joseph, played Bradford's favorite song, "When It's Springtime in the Rockies", on his clarinet but to no avail. "Jim" Callahan let out his funny laugh but not a stir from Mr. Lawrence. "Prof." Glovsky told a very funny story but not a laugh from our comedian.

Then I tiptoed down the back stairs to see what Charlie was doing. I found him sleeping gently on the stairs. Poor Charlie, he and Robert Buckley had gone by airplane to Washington that day to interview President Hoover, and he was very tired.

All the 8 G L girls were crying on Mr. Cronin's shoulder, and several were becoming hysterical. John pacing up and down on the carpet accidently kicked a small pencil. He picked it up and exclaimed, "Why, here's Bradford's worn down pencil. He's had it since last September. One end of it is pointing towards the closet!"

As both ends were sharpened we did not think much of that clue, so walked away.

"Aha," exclaimed "Sherry", "I've got the man," and threw open the closet door. Sure enough there was Bradford all doubled up—almost bursting with merriment. An old shoe was stuffed in his mouth to keep the laughter from escaping. Which "Old Sleuth" had solved the mystery?

—*Harold Sodnowsky.*

Interesting Facts about Mark Twain

MARK TWAIN was a lover of the muddy Mississippi, and as a boy he worked on a river steamboat. When the water was of uncertain depth he would sound with a two-fathom line marked off in quarters. He would stand in the bow and sing out, "No bottom, by the quarterless twain and mark twain." From this mark he got his penname, *Mark Twain.* The name Tom Sawyer, was inspired by the roots of the great trees bobbing in the current of the Mississippi. They were called sawyers, and they threatened to tear the bottom out of every passing craft.

—o—

Mark Twain was a strange, sad, and serious man who seldom laughed and never swore. He was a friend of the children, a friend of the slaves, and in fact everyone's friend. Dan Beard once said, "Some people speak of Mark Twain as a coarse and crude fellow but they only saw their own nature reflected in him. He was coarse to coarse people, and merry to the merry ones; but to me he was always a courtly Southern gentleman."

—*Edward McIssac.*

JUNIOR ATTEMPTS AT POETRY

Poet Laureates of England

John Masefield! Who is he?
With his books of poetry about him
With his pen in his hand
Writing and thinking, until the light grows dim.

Rare Ben Jonson was in the lead
Sir William D'Avenant was not far behind,
And John Dryden, an admirable writer of prose,
Who in character was modest and kind.

Twelve others followed along
Until Robert Bridges took the honor,
And won respect by the quiet charm of his poetry,
As well as his knowledge as a doctor.

John Masefield! Who is he?
The Poet Laureate of today—his fame has spread afar—
For he is a man among men—
And among poets a star.

—*Mildred White*

Evening Fire

The sparks flicker in and out
Grow bright, grow dim,
Until they are not seen at all,
When the evening fire burns low.

—*Mildred White*

A Wish

A poet I should like to be
And write a lot of poetry.
I'll write about the things I've seen
Along the pretty Carribean,
In Egypt, where the tombs of gold
Are hidden from the robbers bold;
The caravans, that toil the plains
More slowly than the rumbling train,
Whose monster engine pulls along
And noisy bell goes ding-ding dong!
But after I have had my fill
Of seeing countries lying still,
I think I shall sail home again
To a little country far from Spain.

—*Philip Popkin*, 7B

June Days

(with apologies to Tennyson)

Books to the left of 'em,
Pens to the right of 'em,
Into the midst of 'em,
Dashed the six hundred (pupils)!

Comes now the end of the year,
Bringing to many-a tear—
Boys before father dear,
Because of their marks!

There is a moral to this,
Do thou pay heed to this,
If you desire much bliss,
At the end of the year.

You may start off with "pep",
Be sure to keep up your "rep".
Do not lose all your pep,
Or—you surely will fail.

—*Robert Buckley*,

A Song of Liberty

Over the fields and hilltops I wander,
Down in the valleys, along by the sea,
Day after day do I happily squander
Singing for joy for as last I am free.
Barefoot and ragged, happily roaming,
Through sunshine and rain, whichever it be—
Wandering on from the dawn till the gloaming
And resting at night at the foot of a tree.

—*Frances Thompson*, 8CH.

My Pup

"My pup is like a boy," Dad says,
"Or else a boy's like him,
He needs a playmate now and then
To keep him in good trim."
So Pup makes friends with ev'ry dog
That passes out our way,
Who shows a disposition
To romp with him or play.
Well, yesterday, a dog came by
Just looking for some fun,
Pup ran out quickly, said "Hello."
Come in, we'll have a run."
Then round the yard and house they went
And through Ma's flower beds,
And broke the strings where vines were tied,
And pup, of course, he led!
And then they stopped to roll awhile
And bite and growl and chew,—
When mother doused cold water there—
That strange pup just flew.

—*Arline Waite.*

North Country

A vast stretch of whiteness,
Birch trees pearl trimmed and laddened,
Pine, fur, and hemlock crowned in sparkling white,
Bowing in the distance to the evening sky;
A lake of silver to the west,
A rose yellow turquoise sunset;
Changing constantly, growing paler and paler,
And then black shadows and cold winds fall and whistle by,
At the end of a day in the North.

—*Phillip Olson*

A Song of Winter

Sing a song of a cold wintry day,
With the snowflakes falling,
Covering all with a blanket of snow.
Winter sports are calling.
Trees are laden'd with boughs bent down,
Making quite a picture,
Snow covered houses and white-capped hills.
Make a robe for nature.

—*Irene Snell*, 7B.

(This song was sung at the 7B Assembly. The music was written by Betty Quinn, also of 7B.)

Faith

I watch the sea gulls flying,
Hovering over the waves;
They circle, dip, and rise;
They pause, as if in doubt,
Then sailing off with outstretched wings
They float between two blues—
The azure ocean and the cloudless sky;
All unknowing they face the dangers of the deep,
God gave them faith!

—*Norman Woodberry*, 8GL.

BOOK REVIEWS

Wreck of the Chancellor
(By Jules Verne)

THIS is a story of some people who leave a sinking boat, the *Chancellor*, at the last moment, on a raft. It tells in vivid detail of the agony and suffering they endured. You can almost see their pale, haggard faces and their sunken jaws caused from lack of nourishment. You suffer with them when they pray for rain, and no rainfalls. Clouds mock them and make their suffering worse.

The climax is reached when the people on the raft grow so desperate that they draw lots to see who is to be sacrificed for the sake of the others. The lot falls to a man who is well liked by the captain and a few others. They immediately begin to fight for this man's life. During the battle one of the defendants is knocked overboard. He sinks down, down, down into the ocean and is forced to swallow a quantity of water. When he rises to the surface he shouts, "T--w---- i- f----!"

His words bring instant relief and joy to the others, and fromthat time forth luck takes a turn in their favor.

What did he say? Ah, that you must find out yourself by reading "*Wreck of the Chancellor*" by Jules Verne.

—*Prince Sanborn.*

Just So Stories
(By Rudyard Kipling)

NONSENSICAL, funny, oh! what a book! You will laugh until you cry, "Oh, My Best Beloved," when you read "How the Whale Got His Throat,"—and how! You will shake with laughter, learning *How The Camel Got His Hump* and "*How the Leopard Got His Spots.*"

Rudyard Kipling, the author, must be a man of great imagination, for none but a person possessing that gift in a remarkable degree could write such a book. He must have been thinking about some particular youngster when he wrote such stories, for each tale begins with the sentimental salutation, "Oh, My Best Beloved."

If you're feeling blue and need a good laugh, run to the library and get the book that has the title, *Just So Stories*, by Rudyard Kipling.

—*Virginia Merry.*

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Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

HAVE you ever heard of hunting on the floor of the ocean with electric rifles? Strange to say, queerer things than this are done by Ned Land, a giant Canadian harpooner, Pierre Aronnax, a French Professor, and Conceil, a faithful and devoted Flemish servant, in *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne.

This story is a tale that reveals many mysteries of the briny deep. Just think of three men living in a

submarine, the Nautilus, that seem like a palace under the water, for a period of nearly seven months with a quiet and mysterious captain and crew who speak in an unknown tongue.

This queer combination of crew and passengers go cruising in the Nautilus to many unknown places and finally find themselves at the extreme South Pole. They are shut in by mountains of ice. They cannot go under the ice and they cannot rise for air. Death is staring them in the face. The strange fate of the Nautilus and its crew is all revealed in *Twenty Thousand Legues under the Sea.*

—*Edward McIsaac.*

Wolf

(By Albert Payson Terhune)

"LET me read it, will you, Bob?" "Wait until I finish it," is the answer. This is the kind of conversation you will hear anywhere near the book, *Wolf*, by Albert Payson Terhune. It is the story of the spectacular and adventurous life of a fiery red gold collie from the time he was six months old until his tragic death six years later.

How he won a first prize in a country wide dog show when people thought he would not even be noticed, is one of the interesting incidents of the book. Most exciting of all is the part that tells how he lost his big playmate's friendship during a fire. Wolf finally came to his tragic death while rescuing another dog from the path of a speeding locomotive.

Newspapers all over the United States told of Wolf's heroic death; and yet, people speak contemptuously of "dying like a dog"

—*Edward Godfrey.*

Little Women

(By Louise M. Alcott)

LITTLE WOMEN is my idea of an ideal story for any young girl to read. It is interesting from start to finish, being both humerous and pathetic. You seem to live through all the trials and tribulations of its realistic characters. Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy, and their parents form the happy circle around which this book is centered. Their neighbors, Laurie, his grandfather, and the boy's tutor, Mr. Brooke, add interest to the book.

No better picture of Jo, who plays the leading role, can I give than this; "A quick temper, sharp tongue and restless spirit were always getting her into scrapes, and her life was a series of ups and downs which were both comic and pathetic".

Meg, or Margaret, who was the eldest, was a regular "big sister" and worked as a governess for the Kings.

Beth was younger than Jo. She had "a shy manner, a timid voice, a peaceful expression, and a passionate love of music."

Amy, the youngest was, in her own opinion at least, the most important member of the March family. She was very attractive and artistically inclined.

This book is far beyond my describing, but in spite of that fact, do you not think you would like to follow the adventures of this interesting group, so charmingly told by Miss Alcott?

—*Eleanor Robertson.*

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Briscoe's Fifth Annual Club Night

BRISCOE'S "Club Night", which was held in the Briscoe Auditorium on May 6, was a shining success. The work of Briscoe's nineteen clubs was cleverly presented, both on the stage and in the corridor.

A cantata entitled "Columbus," was given by the combined Glee Clubs. It was taken from Joaquin Miller's poem of the same name. Miss Robbins deftly led the Glee Clubs into a successful rendition of this famous selection. Frank Plamondon, baritone, sang the solo parts of the cantata, earning a large round of applause.

The Dramatic Club then presented a rollicking comedy, "The Old Sleuth," which kept the audience in roars of laughter. This play was coached by the Misses Williams and Harrison, and the stage work was under the supervision of Mr. Waite.

"Resolved: That the boys and girls of today have better opportunities for making good adult citizens than their grandparents had." This was the subject of a debate given by the Briscoe Debating Club. The Judges—Charles Kendall, of Kendall Hall, Pride's Crossing, Miss Emma Driver, Principal of the Washington School, and Russell Brown, Vice-Chairman of the Beverly School Committee, voted unanimously in favor of the negative team. Mr. Kendall, in announcing the Judges' decision, said, "In my many years of experience in both public and private schools, the work that I have seen, even among older students, does not excel that which has been presented here tonight by the pupils of the Briscoe School."

A selection from the opera, "William Tell," was next offered by Briscoe's complete orchestra, which was directed by Claude H. Phillips. Robert Cohen gave two saxaphone solos, "Andantino", and "A Perfect Day".

Seth Howard Chace, Superintendent of Beverly Schools, presented with medals the winners of the Animal Poster Contest.

The Art Club, *Briscoe Briefs*, Stamp Club, and Travel Club, had interesting and artistic exhibits in the main corridor.

May Day at Briscoe

MAY Day, which is Child Health Day in the United States, was a great success at Briscoe.

The assembly took the form of a regular meeting of the Health council. The President Thomas Tierney presided. Carol Bromley, the secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and accepted. Mr. Cronin, our principal, was called upon to talk. He commended Miss Pierson the school nurse, for the excellent work she has done for the health of the Briscoe pupils. He also emphasized the Laws of Good Health.

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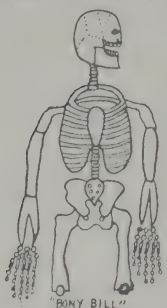
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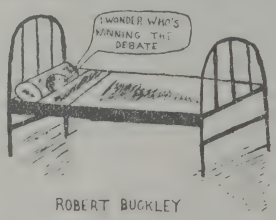
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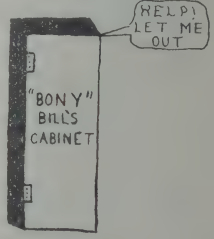


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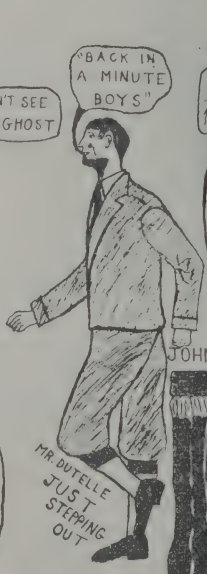
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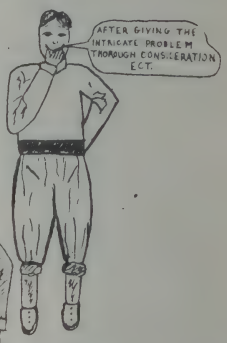




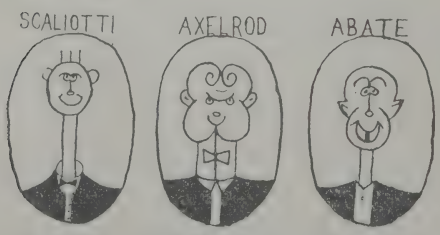


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JOHN DAVISON





BRISCOE'S GRADUATING CELEBRITIES '31


CLUB NIGHT
HELP!!
RUTH WICKERS
By Pete Abate
'PLAY THE GAME FAIR'
By Pete Abate
RUTH WICKERS
BONEY BILL
DETECTIVE QUINTVAN
By Evelyn Weinstein
By Evelyn Weinstein
TO THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB
By Evelyn Weinstein
Miss Robbins
ZZZ
FOR LO! THE VERY STARS ARE GONE
By Pete Abate
By Phillip Olson
FRANK PLAMONDON
Leonard Lynch
By Phillip Olson
Mr. Mac Kenzie's Future
Fat Men
CLUB NIGHT AUDIENCE
By Evelyn Weinstein

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Miss Pierson, in her talk, stated that the per cents of physical defects corrected this year show great improvement over those of last year. The 1931 record is as follows:

Physcially Fit Tags-257 or 42% of the 606 pupils.
Improvement Tags-86 or 14%.
Dental certificates-431 or 71%.
Physical defects corrected-303 or 50%.

7 B had the highest total of per cents in the above points in health, 277%, and Miss Pierson awarded them the banner, "We Lead in Good Health".

Mr. Richardson, of the New England Dairy Association, showed two health moving pictures before the meeting started. "The Best Friend of Mankind," showed how man has substituted machinery to do the work that the horse has done in the past, and how man has never found anything to replace the cow, the giver of the perfect food-milk. The second one was " A Day at the Circus" which showed how the circus animals eat fruit and drink milk to keep them strong.

—*Arline Waite*

Continuation School

THE Continuation School sessions have been held in Briscoe School building this year. Formerly, this work was conducted at the Beverly High and Washington Schools.

Mr. Leslie R. Jones, director of the Continuation School, conducts the academic work in the boys' class. The Home Mechanics Course, including carpentry, repair work, wood work, varnishing, and staining is taught by Mr. Waite.

The girls are under the supervision of Miss Williams, assisted by the Misses Pullen and Greaney of the Briscoe faculty and Mrs. Rudkin of the Beverly Public Library. The home making subjects included in the curriculum are foods clothing, child-care, and story telling. —*Ruth Jones*, 8 CH

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association Sheet

THE Columbia Scholastic Press Association held their annual contest of the year on March 13th 1931, at Columbia University, New York.

About eight hundred publications from schools in every part of the country entered the contest. These papers varied from small mimeographed sheets to large, handsomely prepared magazines. Some were in foreign languages, and at least one magazine was printed in Latin. Gold medals were awarded to the editors whose publications were adjudged the most distinctive.

The pupils of Briscoe, are very glad to see that their school paper, the "Briscoe Briefs," won third place. This is a very good start for Briscoe for it is the first time that Briscoe's paper has entered the contest. Then, too, it was entered in the Junior High School class and had to compete with work done by seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils.

—*John Davidson*, 8 GL

ASSEMBLIES

High School Principal Addresses Briscoe Pupils

FREDERICK H. PIERCE, Principal of the Beverly High school, was the guest speaker at the assembly conducted by 8 C V on January 7, 1931.

The basis of Mr. Pierce's talk was "the value of homework." He stated figures showing how many pupils failed to "make the grade" two years ago at the High School, because of failure to do homework. He also compared them with the number that failed last year. He said that there were enough study periods during the week in which to do a part of the homework, but that the greatest part of it should be done at home. He showed how industry, reliability, and perserverance lead to success. He cited an instance where a boy had gone through High School in spite of many difficulties, with a "C" average. Mr. Pierce had endeavored to get this boy into a college that required "B" average, but to no avail. The boy finally entered college outside of New England. In opening his Christmas mail, Mr. Pierce found a letter from this boy expressing his gratitude for what the principal had done for him.

"This boy," Mr. Pierce said, was 'up against it'. His parents took no interest in his schooling, and he had to struggle along for himself, yet through perserverance he has succeeded."

Melvin Haas was the Master of Ceremonies. June Downing sang an Italian folk-song, "Santa Lucia," and Elsie Maxner recited a poem, "The Old Year and the New."

—*C. Henry Glovsky.*

Representative of Essex Agricultural School at Briscoe

MISS ETHEL M. MOORE, head of the Home Economics Department at the Essex Agricultural School, was the speaker on Wednesday, Januray 21, at a Briscoe bi-weekly assembly, conducted by the PA3 class.

The purpose of the talk was to give the pupils some idea of the scope of work undertaken at this institution of learning. To the boys, Miss Moore pictured the attractions of gardening, both practical and landscape. The planting and developing of orchards was another phrase of the work which appealed to many of the listeners. To the girls, Miss Moore told something about the opportunities to be found in textile work, which is one of the newer fields. She also mentioned the study of foods which is always of value to the homemaker as well as to the teacher of home economics and the dietician.

The exercises were opened as usual with the flag salute and prayer Lillian Thibault recited *Play the Game Fair.* The class then brought the program to a close by singing *Skating.*

—*Norman Woodbury*

Thomas Sullivan, Sr.
Speaks on Juvenile Courts

THOMAS SULLIVAN, SR., city soliciter of Beverly, addressed the pupils of Briscoe on "Juvenile Court" at the 7B assembly.

"Laws must be obeyed or there will be no harmony in the cities, towns, and states in which we live," said Mr. Sullivan. "Laws were made for our benefit, and we must be considerate of the other fellow."

Mr. Sullivan emphasized the fact that the children of today will be the adults of tomorrow, and that they must avoid forming bad habits now. If any boy or girl has a bad habit, the others must help to "pull him up."

Mr. Sullivan stated that in 1930, 16,000 children were taken into court, and sentenced to Industrial Schools, Reformitories, Welfare Societies, and other schools. Out of the 16,000 children brought into court, 8,000 cases were filed.

Many children believe they can "get away" with many bad habits, and Mr. Sullivan gave some examples of the disasters caused by some youths to themselves, to to their families, and to their communities.

Mr. Sullivan concluded with the hope that every boy and girl of Briscoe could, ten years from now, say that they have never been brought before the court.

Thomas Sullivan Jr., son of the speaker, and 7 B's homeroom leader, was Master of Ceremonies.

Rosabelle Perusse recited a poem, *The team* by Edgar A. Guest.

Thomas Sullivan Jr., James Tierney and William Williamson sang "Bucingham Palace" and "Marcheta."

A "Song of Winter" was sung by 7 B. The music was written by Elizabeth Quinn and the words by Irene Snell.

What Is A Worthy Adventure?

A WORTHY adventure! An unworthy adventure! What is the difference? Miss Scheib, State supervisor of Safety Education, explained this difference in her safety talk to the pupils of Briscoe, on February 4, 1931 at the P. A. 1 & 2 Assembly.

When children without the least thought of the results run in front of automobiles and jump on the back of trucks, they are having unworthy adventures.

"A worthy adventure," said Miss Scheib, "is very different. The travels of Lewis and Clark in the Louisiana Territory, Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic ocean, and Byrd's trips to both poles belong in this class."

Miss Scheib congratulated the pupils for their fine system of safety.

Harold Benett acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The P. A. boys sang a song, "When it's Repair Time at Dear Briscoe."

The Safety Council repeated their pledge led by Charles Campbell, president.

—Eileen Rolland

Former School Board Member Gives Talk

"GIVE to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you," were the last words of Horace W. Woodberry, Jr., former school-board member, as he spoke to the Briscoe pupils on Monday morning, February 16th, at the assembly given by 8 CMc.

Mr. Woodberry discussed the four important qualities necessary for true success: Industry, Concentration, Self-Reliance, and an Understanding Heart. He gave these points in a very impressive manner, and there was no doubt that his talk "went over big" with the student body. He explained how Washington and Lincoln had to be industrious, be able to concentrate, be self-reliant, and have an understanding heart to rise to their high positions.

John Leighton was Master of Ceremonies, with the following pupils entertaining; Carolyn Taylor, Mary DiDonato, William Cromier, Oscar Scottie, John Leighton. 8CMc sang a song for the group assembled.

When the notices were read, Mr. Cronin gave a quotation of one of the greatest Massachusetts Congress men, "The nation has not lived in vain if it has given the world Washington and Lincoln."

—*Bradford Lawrence.*

Briscoe Hears the Fascinating Story of Cotton

MISS PRISCILLA PEQUOT the hostess at the Pequot House in Salem, was the speaker at 7-Ha's assembly on March 23.

Miss Pequot is really Miss Barbara Poor of Salem. The Pequot House is filled with interesting things pertaining to cotton. Miss Poor, as hostess, tells the visitors about cotton from its early origin to the cotton cloth product of today.

Miss Poor was dressed in a cotton costume of the early colonial days and presented a charming picture. She told us that there are many fairy stories connected with the origin of cotton.

Miss Poor told us how the first cotton plant was taken from India to China, thence to Africa, across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. She explained to us some of the unusual and crude ways in which they spun cotton in the early times. She described to us many of the symbols that cotton represented to the people in the early ages.

Then Miss Poor concluded her talk by telling about the modern methods used in the manufacture of cotton. The Briscoe students learned from this lecture many new and interesting facts about cotton which they had not known before.

Ralph Bunk was the announcer. A poem by Dennis McCarthy was recited by Melvin Baker.

—*Virginia Merry.*

Romance of Ice Proves Interesting

BURTON DAVIS, executive secretary of the New England Ice Dealer's Association, gave and interesting talk on *The Romance of Ice* on Thursday morning, April 2, 1931 at the Briscoe School. With him were Fred I. McIsaac and John Kelliher, members of the Beverly Rotary Club.

Mr. Davis told the Briscoe pupils that the Egyptians were the first people to have refrigeration. Each

evening, the Egyptians would fill large wooden bowls with water, and the cool air of the wind blowing over them caused the formation of a thin coating of ice. This was then used to preserve fruits and vegetables.

One day while a Roman was up in the mountains, he discovered something which he said glistened like a diamond but soon melted. It turned out to be ice, and thereafter ice was used for preserving purposes in Rome.

Mr. Davis said that we think ourselves quite up-to-date when we go into a drug store and order a sherbet, but the Chinese were having sherbets in the thirteenth century.

In the year, 1894, the *United States* experienced a very warm summer; and as Mother Nature had not provided enough ice, men began to put their heads together to try to discover a way in which to make ice. Finally they invented the modern method of making artifical ice.

Mr. Davis ended his talk by telling us that ice is a perfect food, because all the germs in water are blocked and jammed together in the ice, and so they finally die leaving ice pure and wholesome.

—*Marie Smith*, 8 GL

In Briscoe

There was a small boy in Briscoe,
Carrying books by the dozen or so.
When asked; "Hast a load?"
He answered; "Tis a-la-mode"
We don't call these many in Briscoe.

—*Mildred White*

Coach Carroll Talks About Football

MR. EDWARD CARROLL, coach of the Beverly High School Football team, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the necessary qualifications of a good football player at the Wednesday morning assembly, conducted by 7C, on April 8.

Coach Carroll spoke of the things that go on in the locker rooms just before the great Thanksgiving Day game. The coach must choose eleven boys, who have speed, courage, brains, and who are in a good physical condition. He also brought out the fact that to be a successful football player, a boy must start when he is young to develop his brain.

Mr. Carroll also explained to us that we are very fortunate in having such a fine man as Mr. Cronin for our principal; and that he hopes we will all follow the good example of Mr. Cronin and Knute Rockne, the famous Notre Dame football coach who met his death in an airplane accident recently, because they have always been devoted to their mothers.

Before Mr. Carroll was introducedby Miss Betty Hurd, the 7-C classrepeated the Twenty Third Psalm and sang "Old Tennessee" "Miss June Hazel gave the 7C Creed; and the 7C Crooners sang "My Old Kentucky Home," "Old Susannah," and "Polly Wolly Doodle All the Day".

—*Pauline Webber*, 8GL

Beverly Third In Safety

SERGEANT STEELE of the Beverly Police Department was the guest speaker of 7L at the Wednesday morning asesmbly on April 19.

The Sergeant congratulated the Beverly schools on their splendid work in the school safety patrols, for they rank third among the cities of Massachusetts; Lynn and Worcester ranking first and second.

Instead of telling us what might happen to us if we did not obey the rules of Safety, the Sergeant told us what has happened to the children of Beverly who have disregarded these rules.

Of the thirty-two accidents that have occurred this year in Beverly, seventeen have happened to children. Six children were injured by running out to the streets from behind parked cars. Luckily, only one of these persons was killed. Bicycles have been the cause of several accidents. Sergeant Steele declared that the law obliged bicycles ridden one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise to have lights that can be seen from both front and rear. This law is to be enforced by the Beverly Police. He cautioned the children against letting their friends ride on the handle bars.

Merle McKay was Mistress of Ceremonies. The following pupils entertained—

Shirley Kenney recited a poem entitled "Home". Ernest LeBel rendered two harmonica solos, "Yankee Doodle," and "The Night of Splendor." A clarinet solo, "Ramona" was played by Samuel DiNichols. "Blow Ye Winds Heigh Ho" was sung by the entire class.

Mayor Torrey Gives Address

HON. JAMES A. TORREY, Mayor of Beverly, gave the boys and girls of Briscoe, an interesting talk on the advantages of education at the 7H assembly on Wednesday morning, May 13.

The mayor told the pupils that they must have a good education, a clean body, and a clean mind in order to obtain a government position or office later in life.

The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and this is the time for them to prepare for the duties of citizenship. "For example," Mayor Torrey said, "If your mother had some apples in a box and gave you permission to take one, you would pick out the biggest and cleanest apple. This is only natural, and that is what the business men do when hiring assistants. They pick out the finest and best applicant."

Mr. Cronin took this opportunity necessary lighting system which has recently been installed in the Briscoe School.

The following pupils took part in the program;

Norman Blotner—Master of Ceremonies

Joan Cooper—Recitation of the First Palsm

Robert Cohen—Saxaphone solo—"Andantino"

Constance Gardner—Recitation of poem "My Ma"

Olive Calavay—Recitation of poem—"He's As Scotch As He Can Be"

—*Joseph P. Rubinstein*

—*Rachael Patch*,

Superintendent Chase Is Guest Speaker

SETH HOWARD CHACE Superintendent of the Beverly Schools, gave a very interesting talk to the pupils of Briscoe at the 7E assembly on May 27th.

The following pupils took part in the program:

Carolyn Sullivan—Mistress of Ceremonies
John Goodwin—Story of the Flag
7E Class—Patriotic Song
Elinore Ward—*Hats Off*

—*William Fliegel.* 8GL,

Station Y-Y-Y-Y

STATION Y-Y-Y-Y, a one act comedy, written by Booth Tarkington was presented with the permission of *The Ladies Home Journal* at the February assembly.

The cast was as follows:

Herbert, the young son *Bradford Lawrence*
Anita, 20 year old daughter *Barbara Cooper*
Mrs. Winstead, the mother *Deborah Foster*
Mr. Winstead, the father *David Dean*
Caroline, 15 year old daughter *Dorothy Ober*
Roger, admirer of Anita *Paul Fultz*
Annie, the maid *Marie Martin*
Charles, the chauffeur *Louis Bonaventura*

Edmund Dudley and Robert Harrington assisted in the "broadcast."

—*Joseph Rubenstein*

Memorial Day Assembly

PUPILS, teachers, and guests were entertained on Memorial Day by a play entitled "The Man Without a Country" in which Thomas Saunders took the leading part of Phillp Nolan.

The play was a dramatized version of Edward Everett Hale's famous short story, "The Man Without a Country". An interesting part was a scene on board ship where the officers were entertaining British ladies. An old-fashioned Virginia Reel revealed to the audience the historical atmosphere of the play.

A double quartette pleased the audience by singing the well known "Tenting Tonight" by Walter Kittredge.

Flowers were presented to the Grand Army veteran and the school sang the Star Spangled Banner.

—*William Lawson.*

Life of Franklin Portrayed

SCENES from Benjamin Franklin's life were portrayed at the assembly held on Friday, January 23, 1931.

The characters were as follows:

Mr. Josiah Franklin *Frank Silver*
Mrs. Josiah Franklin *Eileen Seawood*
James Franklin *Carl Whitman*
Benjamin Franklin *Thomas Sullivan*
Norman Woodbury
Mary Franklin *Helen Anderson*
Mrs. Brown *Phyliss Sweet*
Mr. Winslow *Dean Stiles*
Friend *Natalie Thompson*
Deborah Read *Arline Waite*
Son *Charles Kitchener*
King *Brainard Warren*
Queen *Marie Smith*
America *William Tannebring*

CLASS NOTES

7C's Creed

We believe
In our school and her motto,
"Play the Game Fair;"
We believe
In the teachings of our principal,
In the guidance of our teachers,
We believe
In Briscoe's ideals,
To be prompt in all things,.....B
To be respectful of the rights of others,.....R
To be intelligent in so far as we are able,.....I
To practice Safety all times,.....S
To co-operate with our principal, teachers and fellow pupils,....C
To be obedient to all proper authority, ...O
To be one loyal part of the "Everybody" of our school,.....E
We believe
That Briscoe's spirit must be strengthened,
That her standards be safeguarded;
We believe
We have been given many privileges,
But that these privileges carry duties we must fulfil,
So that out school and community will always be
The institutions they now are!

—*Robert F. Hutchinson* 7C

Nature Study

IF you should visit 7-Ha during their home room period, you would very likely find us studying about nature.

Miss Hazelton, who is a lover of the out-doors, tells us many interesting stories about birds and their habits.

On the walls you would see pictures of birds and flowers, and a wild flower chart. Every new flower brought in is listed on the chart, together with the name of the person who brought it.

Besides being very instructive and entertaining, our nature study serves to brighten our room as almost everyday cheery bouquets of spring blossoms decorate the teacher's desk and table.

Phyllis Daley—7-Ha

An Interesting Contest

"WE'RE ahead! We're ahead! exclaims Notre Dame. "Harvard must work harder."

Anyone entering 7L English class and hearing the above remarks would wonder just what is going on. It is only a contest between two divisions of 7L; one side calling itself Notre Dame, and the other taking the name of Harvard.

Sometimes the contest is in the form of a spelling match; at other times it consists of naming parts of speech. A correct answer scores one point, and whether the score mounts quickly or slowly, the interest is keen.

At present Notre Dame leads by eighteen points.

—*Helen Katz* 7L

Our Literature Club

DO you know the difference between a narrative poem and a descriptive poem? You don't? Well, let me tell you. A narrative poem tells a story, and a descriptive poem describes a person, a place, an object, or an emotion.

All this and much more the pupils of 8-C-S are learning in their Literature Club, which meets at one-thirty every Friday afternoon. Our president is Virginia Pendleton, and the secretary is Marjorie MacCracken.

After the business is transacted, members of the club read or recite poems which they wish to share with their classmates or which fulfill the assignment for the day. Among the poems most enjoyed are "Mar Quong" by Christopher Morley, "The Listeners" by Walter De La Mare, and "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes.

Recently the class has made a study of modern patriotic poetry, particularly that which was written during the World War.

It has been the aim of the club to enjoy good poetry.

—*Marion Rackliffe* 8CS

Geography Sandtables

MAKING sandtables has been an interesting feature of 8 CH geography this spring.

The class was divided into five groups, each group being responsible for one table which was to show the contribution for Southwestern Asia to civilization. The results were five attractive tables representing scenes in Palestine B. C., Palestine A. D., Assyria, Chaldea, Babylonia, and Phoenecia.

Silver paper was used for rivers, mirrors for lakes and seas, and houses and temples were carved from soap. Tiny figures, dressed in native costumes, were engaged in the occupations of their country. One of the most important of these figures was Moses bringing the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai. Sheep grazed in the meadows, and camels plodded the deserts.

The tables, besides being of great value educationally, were a source of pleasure to all classes and occasioned much favorable comment.

—*Gertrude Haas* 8C H

Our Penmanship Contest

THE contest that 8-C-Mc is conducting in penmanship is a very close one. The two captains are: Louis Roberto for the red side, and Mary Breton for the blue side. At the present time the reds are only one point ahead of the blues although the blues are doing splendid work. There are four excused on the red team and five excused on the blue team. The credits are given for good penmanship in all school work. The improvement in written work, done either at home or in the class room, shows the interest and effort of the pupils.

—*Catherine DeLorenzo*

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A Calamity

As we were sliding down a hill,
We hit a "thank you, mar'm"
We lost our equilibrium
And broken was the calm.

The snow we saw was quite upset,
So sudden was our arrival,
But as for us, we soon came too,
And made a quick survival.

—*Bradford Lawrence*, 8GL

A Close Race

Wh-r-r! Wh-r-r! The sound of airplanes motors had long been heard in Room 15. What did it mean? Just this. The boys and girls of 7B were competing in a coast to coast airplane contest, the object of the race being to arouse enthusiasm for obtaining dental certificates. Every certificate procured provided sufficient fuel to fly the plane to another city. The race was won by the boys, but the contest was a close one, for the girls were only one city behind. Fortunately there were no mishaps during the flight, although several pilots had difficulty in qualifying for their licenses.

—*Philip Popkin*, 7B.

Typewriting

ANY Monday morning the even clicking of the typewriters can be heard as 8 C V practice their drills for accuracy and speed. At present we are working on the one hundred most common words in the English language. After a few minutes of class practice, we are given one minute to type one word. At the end of three similar exercises, the pupil typing the greatest number of words is called the champion. Dorothy Hanson, Charlotte Ginsberg, Margaret Deasy, and Marjorie Deinstadt are leaders.

On Wednesday and Friday we do individual exercises and strive for perfect papers. This is not an easy thing to do, but we feel we have made much progress since the beginning of the year.

Many of us are looking forward to typewriting in commercial course at High School.

—*June Downing*, 8 C V.

A Literature Project

DO you like literature? If you don't now, you certainly would if you were making illustrated poem books in the interesting way our class makes them.

Every Thursday afternoon, the home room period in our class is devoted to working on our poem books. We select the poems we like best from any books we may have access to, and either print them or write them in our note books. All the poems are illustrated, if possible, by original drawings, just as poems in magazines are often illustrated.

Although we do not expect to be artists, we do receive much pleasure from our work.

—*Virginia Stone*, 7 E.

Business Practice

DURING the past two weeks the 8 C M pupils have been studying Indexing, Filing, and Alphabetizing in Business Practice. We have eighteen rules for filing in our notebooks. These rules were put to use when Miss Hartshorn assigned us the task of indexing one hundred and thirty-five names of persons, companies, corporations, and institutions.

The steps were: first, to index the names on slips of paper; then, to list them alphabetically. Some children have typewritten their lists and will get "A" on their papers.

We have also had much experience in preparing out-going mail. Nearly five thousand letters have been mailed to all parts of United States and Canada.

—*David Walsh.*



ADVISORY COUNCIL

1931 Class Song

(Works and music by Priscilla Preston)

We are leaving Briscoe
But we liked our stay.
We will never falter while we're on our way.
Once you come to Briscoe
You will ne'er forget
If you "Play The Game Fair"
You never will regret.

Be true to your teachers
As they will be to you
Kind and helpful, loyal,
Staunch, and always true.
Then there is our leader,
He's a prince of men
He stands for all that's straight and true
His influence always wins.

If you lag behind the rest
In your studies hard,
Keep on trying, do your best
And you will pass at last.
Live up to the motto,
"Play The Game Fair"
That's what we have always done
And never knew dispair.

SCIENCE

8GA meets for science every Wednesday afternoon. Early in the year we studied about the sky, planets, stars, and constellations. Later on we brought in specimens of insects, birds, flowers, and seeds, and made a study of them.

We are now learning many interesting things about air pressure. In one of our late experiments we found that one-fifth of the air is oxygen and that there are fifteen pounds of pressure to one square inch. In another experiment we discovered that water will rise to the same level as the source from which it is taken.

If you will take time to enjoy the pictures and posters in the science room and in Miss Anderson's room, you will receive a good idea of our years work in science.

—*William Canning*, 8GA

A TRIP TO EUROPE

For several months the pupils of 7H have been touring Europe and at present are in the Balkan countries. How can we take such long trips and yet arrive on time for our next classes? One way is by the use of maps, pictures,and newspaper clipping.Another method is by the use of articles made in these countries, as cheese and wooden shoes from Holland; jewelry coral, and nuts from Italy; cork from Spain; a carved toy and a shawl from Switzerland; and perfume from France. Several dolls dressed in costumes worn by native Europeans were also contributed and helped to acquaint us with European customs.

—*Joan Cooper*, 7H.

CLOTHING

Our clothing class, under the direction of Miss Pullen, is learning to do things which are often needed in our every day life, such as making buttonholes, sewing on buttons, hooks and eyes, darning stockings and various other things. We have made aprons, towels, and pajamas, and are now making dresses suitable for school wear. They are being made of pretty cotton material. We are putting our best efforts into making them, for we appreciate the value of knowing how to sew well.

FOODS

Under the directi n of Miss Greaney, our food teacher, the P.A. girls have completed three units of work: 1. breakfast, 2. luncheon or supper 3. dinner. We have studied about different kinds of foods. We have put great effort into this work also and are now planning a faculty dinner.

—*Mary Maccalini*, P.A.3.

OUR NEW DINING ROOM

BANG! BANG! BANG! The last nails have been driven into the walls of the new dining room on the third floor. The room is seven feet high and eighteen feet square. It has two doors, each five feet high and two feet wide. The walls, which are made of wallboard, are painted a cream color, and the woodwork is stained and shellaced to look like walnut. Narror strips of wood about a foot and a half apart on the wall give a paneled effect which is very pleasing. All this was achieved in a month's time by the useful and willing workers of P.A. 1 and 2.

—*Harold Bennett* P. A. 1.
—*Anthony Silva* P. A. 2.

THE HOBBY CLUB

THE meeting of the 8GH Hobby club will now come to order. The secretary will read the reports of of the preceding meeting."

This and many other remarks are heard by visitors who come to our English Class on Friday.

Our president, Joseph Fortunato, then calls for the chairmen's reports. Each chairman comes forward and tells us what his group is doing. The Art group has many notable members such as Angelo Scaliotti, Peter Abate, and Joseph Fortunato. All these boys have won poster prizes.

Other groups represented are the Silver Paper group, the Music group the Coin group, and the Reading group.

The reports prove very interesting and recieve our undivided attention.

The last bell is ringing, and the president calls for an adjournment. The meeting is adjourned, and the boys go out wishing that Friday came oftener.

—*Robert Goldsmith*, 8GH

POPULAR MOVIES AT BRISCOE

"Paid in Full"—Mr. Cronin (Ask those who haven't done their homework.)

"Behind That Curtain"—William Murch

"The Unholy Three"—Henry Guinivan, Leonard Lynch, John Davison

"Our Modern Maidens"—Priscilla Cabeen, Katherine Louise Murray, Deborah Foster

"Chasing Rainbows"—Ruth Plaisted.

"Our Dancing Daughters"—Ruth Bonaventura, Marion Bettencourt, Barbara Cooper

"Little Lord Fauntleroy"—Joseph Axelrod

"Return of Sherlock Holmes"—Miss Wittenhagen

"The Laughing Lady"—Anita Dussault

"All Quiet on the Western Front"—Leonard Lynch

"Daddy Long Legs"—Paul Fultz

"Peter Pan"—Edward McIsaac

"The Four Feathers"—Lois Murphy, Marie Smith, Mildred White, Arline Waite

"The Patsy"—Phyllis Sweet Lantz

"The Big House"—Briscoe School

"Scandal Sheet"—*Briscoe Briefs*

"River's End"—June 19th

"What Price Glory?"—Debating Club

"Flying Dutchmen"—Frank Plamondon

"The Flood"—Glee Club

"The Millionaire"—Miss Lyons

"Sharps and Flats"—The Orchestar

"Putting on the Ritz"—The Faculty.

8GL Entertains 8CV

TWO plays entitled, "Lady Yellow and Lady White" and "Ambassador Morrow Visits Viscount Kato," were presented by the girls and boys of 8GL for the benefit of a visiting class, 8CV.

After the dramatizations, talks were given as follows:

William Fliegel—Japanese Flag
Bradford Lawrence—Kamakura Buddha
Arline Waite—Japanese Curios

—*Walter Lantz*

SHARPS AND FLATS

Pupil: How do you arrange the articles in the Briscoe Briefs?

Teacher: We paste them on a dummy.

Pupil: Whom do you use for the dummy?

Teacher: We haven't decided yet, so you'd better watch out.

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1st pupil: Miss ----- isn't such a good teacher.

2nd pupil: How come?

1st pupil: She put your article in the school paper.

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Teacher: (to boy holding ruler) Henry, put that part of your head away.

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Teacher: Oh, Bobby, where is your necktie?

Bobby: In my pocket

Teacher: Well, put it on. You may not know it, but its the style now to have it around your neck.

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Orchestra Member: (at Club Night) Mr Phillips, are you going to play a solo to-night?

Mr. Phillips: I'm going to play so low you can't hear me.

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A new boy had just come into Miss Lyons room and was being initiated into the honors of the class.

Miss Lyons: Do you know my name?

New Boy: No, Miss Lyons.

Teacher: (Monday afternoon) Was Barbara absent this morning?

Absent Minded John: Yes, she was absent yeaterday, too.

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Teacher: (explaining to class about water) How does running water go up the high skyscrapers in New York?

One of the Intelligentzia: By Elevator.

—Bradford Lawrence.
Joke Editor

BRISCOE CELEBRITIES

Sherlock Holmes—John Davison
Noah Webster—Robert Buckley
Professor Einstein—Norman Woodberry
Helen Wills—Rebecca Caldwell
Bobby Jones—Robert Goldsmith
Herbert Hoover—Norman Eastwood
Patrick Henry—Sammy Carratu
Charles Lindbergh—Chester Rogers
Madam Shumann Heink—Miss M. Robbins
Lawrence Tibbet—Frank Plamondan
Rudy Vallee—Robert Harrington
Paderewski—Norman Blotner

—Edward McIsaac.

SPORTS

Basket-ball Season Over

THE boys and girls of Briscoe School finished a successful year of basket ball on March 16, 1931.

This year the different home rooms had teams, both boys' and girls'. The games were played in the gym. The girls played at noon before school opened and were dirrected by Principal J. A. Cronin. The boys played after school at night and were coached by W. E. Mackenzie, the Physical Director of the Beverly Grammar Schools. The boys' games were refereed by some of the Beverly High School students. The girls games were refereed by the Salem Normal School students who were then training at Briscoe.

All the games this year were played with good vigor, and every one fought hard for his side.

We gave the eighth grade boys championship to 8 G A, and the 7th grade boys to 7 B. P A3 are the champions for the eighth grade girls, and 7 Ha for the 7th grade girls.

—Norman Woodberry.

Good Sports

BRISCOE came through with flying colors in the Junior Basket ball League, and why? Didn't Mr. Cronin and Mr. Mackenzie spend their precious time patiently coaching a group of boys? Didn't they insist that our motto, "Play the Game Fair," be applied to the game? Do you suppose the average man would spend hours after work for weeks to train a squad of basketball players? Most assuredly not! Why shouldn't we appreciate thier kindness, which was rewarded with Junior League Championship and a medal for each member of the squad?

—Raymond Johnson

Captains of Basket Ball Teams

8CMc	Winifred Regan
	Louis Roberto
8CH1	Dena Tosi
8CH2	Louis Nash
8CS	Helen Moore
	David Coletti
PA3	Lea Peironi
8GL	Marion Bettencourt
	Arthur Bryant
8GH1	Harry Consolazio
8GH2	Angelo Scaliotti
8CM	Mary Marletta
	Gordon Winchester
8GA	Alice Semple
	Pierino Tosi
PA1	Ernest Sautin
PA2	Vincent Di Fazzio
8CV	Florence Page
	Carmelo Armore
7B	Irene Snell
	Joseph Tanzella
7C	June Hazell
	Richard Foley
7L	Shirley Kenney
7L	Shirley Kenney
	Ernest Eldridge
7E	Elinore Ward
	Harry Trowt
7HA	Georgia Christopher
	Walter Aho
7H	Anna Charezun
	John Brotchie

—Norman Woodberry.



ALL STAR TEAM

Gordon Winchester, Harry Consolozio, Pierino Tosi, Vincent DiFazzio, Frank Plamondon, and Richard Lewis were selected from the interclass basketball teams to form the Briscoe Five. This school team was coached by Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Cronin, and the playing as well as the fine spirit shown in all the games was a credit to the school, the coaches, and to the players themselves.

Every game in which the team participated was a victory for the Briscoe Five, and our boys carried off the championship of the city Junior Basketball League. For the first time a Briscoe team appeared on the High School Gym floor, defeating the third team there. This was not only a victory for our boys but it gave them an opportunity to learn the feel of the gym floor, and to encourage them to go out for basketball at High School. This co-operation between the two schools is of great value to the boys. The teams also won a large victory from the Sheet Metal boys and the second team of the High School at the Briscoe gym.

Briscoe may well be proud of the all star team which represented it in basketball. —*Norman Woodberry*.

A Friend

His charming ways and gentle step,
I adore his glossy, golden hair,
His eyes of azure blue
His charming ways and gentle step,
And his fondness for me, too.

He longs to linger by my side
And sit quite near my chair;
He loves to put his cheek near mine
And then I pat his hair.

I treat him nicely as can be,
I can't help doing that.
No doubt you know I'm speaking
Of my yellow bob-tailed cat!

—*Priscilla Lemery*, 8GL

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Typewriting

Our fingers fly quickly over the keys,
We try our best our teacher to please.
We're almost through, no errors yet,
And then—we write *set* instead of *let*.

How cross we are, for do it over we must,
Still, we don't stop or pout or fuss.
We start again to do it right,
And finish with no errors in sight.

—*Ethel Askman.*

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Broadway's Lights

Flickering here and dazzling there.
Along Broadway the lights appear,
People hustling to and fro.
Some happy and some in tears.

—*Mildred White.*

Art Honors

THE Briscoe winners in this years' Dumb Animal Poster Contest were presented with medals on Club Night. The bronze medal, which was given for the most outstanding poster, was awarded to Angelo Scaliotti. First prizes, gold medals, were given to Anna Petronzio and Robert Harrington. Peter Abate, Joseph Fortunato, and James Powers, were the winners of second prizes, silver medals. Dorothy Larrabee, and William Thompson received honorable mention and one year's subscription to the Dumb Animal Magazine.

All the eighth grades of Beverly competed in a contest to design the Annual School Report cover. Peter Abate's design was selected by the judges, and it will be used on the 1931 Beverly School Report.

This prize winning work was done under the supervision of Miss Gertrude Lyons, art teacher.

The cartoons in this issue of the Briscoe Briefs were done by the art students in Miss Lyon's classes.

—*Katherine Louise Murray*,

Grandma

She is always wealthy in cookies,
She always has a smile.
She always has a motto,
That we think is worth while.

Her hair is her crowning glory,
All soft and shiny and white,
Resembling the luster of pearls
Which shimmer in the light.

Her face is lined with wrinkles,
Telling of sorrows gone by,
Still, I love my Grandma,
And her cookies and apple pies.

—*Ruth Plaisted*, 8CH.

SCIENCE

Humpty Dumpty In Science

"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses and all the king's men,
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again."

Why couldn't all the king's horses and all the king's men put Humpty Dumpty together again?

The egg is held together by cohesion. Cohesion is the sticking together of molecules of the egg. Molecules are small particles of which all matter consists. We know that the egg has not much cohesion because its shell is so easy to break. When Humpty fell off the wall, he broke, the molecules separated in some places. The kings's horses and the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again, because they could not get the molecules close enough together to get the old cohesion back.

Therefore Humpty Dumpty was lost to the world forever.

—*Louis C. Bonaventura* 8GH

A Meteor

ONE evening last winter while out coasting I noticed a large shooting star. I was especially interested in this as I had been studying about meteors in science. A meteor is a small body traveling through space at a rapid speed. It is made up largely of iron and stone with some copper and nickel. When it strikes our atmosphere, the air resists it. This resistance causes heat, the heat causes a spark and it finally burns up before it reaches the earth. When it does strike the earth, it is with a loud explosion.

This meteor appeared in the southeastern sky and passed beneath Jupiter, Canis Major, and almost seemed to touch Rigel; it then passed westward into darkness.

It looked like a large burning ball of fire with a long tail of red and orange color.

Later I read in the newspaper an article written by Professor Fisher of Harvard College Observatory asking anyone who had seen this certain meteor to please communicate with him. I wrote in and told him what I knew about the location and appearance of the meteor. Later I received a letter thanking me for my information.

—*Mildred E. White.*

Science

Oh, science has taught me planets and stars,
Venus, Rigel, Sirius, and Mars,
Bears and crabs, dogs and a lion,
Also the gallant knight Orion.

The sun exploded and made the earth,
The glacier started up the Firth,
Science, indeed, has wrought wonders untold,
When the earth and the sky its mysteries unfold.

—*William Lawson*

OUR FACULTY

Who Says Teachers Don't Study

WHEN I say that teachers study, many will doubt my word, so therefore I have prepared a list of facts proving the above statement.

Some of the teachers who take courses, take them at the colleges, while others take the B. U. extension courses given in Beverly.

Educational Sociology, a B. U. extension course given at the Beverly Public Library, with Professeor Roberts in charge, seems to have attracted a horde of teachers from our faculty. Maybe it's because Professor Roberts is in charge, maybe it's considered stylish to take that course, or maybe it's because of economy. You know, carfare to Boston and back is no joke, and it's also hard on the "flivver" (if you have one). Well anyway, to go back where I started from; the Misses Robbins, Whorff, Hatch, Lapham, Murray, Varney, Harrison, Coleman, Eaton, McCurdy, Barker, Greaney, and Pullen and Mr. Waite, are included in the list, a total of fourteen teachers.

Another course *Social Evolution* at B. U. with Professor Vaughn has attracted the Misses McCurdy, Lapham, Varney and Hazelton.

Home Room Activity Period at B. U. with Professor Davis has as followers the Misses Hatch, Anderson, Harrison, and Eaton.

Miss Hazelton appears to be the only one taking the *Junior High Curriculum* at B. U.

Miss Whorff is specializing in *Interior Decoration* at the State House.

Miss Murray, the "Chief" of the Briscoe Briefs, has gained much information about how and how not our paper should be run, from a *Journalism* course at Columbia University last summer.

Miss Robbins, the Musical Director at Briscoe, has taken the following courses: *Music Appreciation*, *Child Voice*, and *Methods of Teaching Music* all at the B. U. College of Music.

Mr. Cronin has taken as courses: *Supervisors' Conference*, with Miss Mabel Bragg, *Seminar in secondary Education*, with Dr. Jesse Davis, and *Philosophy of Education* with Professor John J. Mahoney, all at the Boston University Graduate School.

—*Charles Campbell, News Editor.*

Mr. Cronin Receives His Ed. M. in June.

MR. CRONIN, our principal, received a B. S. in Education from Boston University in 1924. Since then, he has majored in Administration and Supervision at B. U., and expects to receive the degree of Ed. M. on June 15.

Miss Alice P. Williams, a member of our faculty, received the degree of B. S. in Education from Boston University in 1929.

Miss Bertha Greaney, another member of our faculty, received the degree of B. S. in Education from State Normal School at Framingham in 1929. —*Woodberry Smith*

Faculty Alphabet

(Marguerite Bunk)

A is for Anderson,
Tall and fair,
Who is the owner
Of pretty blonde hair.

B is for Barker,
Plump and tall,
Who detests talkers,
Most of all.

C is for Coleman,
Who has a care,
She manages traffic
Without a snare.

C is for Cronin,
A man to trust,
Who guides us faithfully,
Without a"must".

D is for Dutelle,
A carpenter fine,
Who makes good use
Of his spare time.

E is for Eaton,
A Math Club Adviser,
Her "Merry Math Makers"
Grow wiser and wiser.

G is for Greaney,
How she can cook!
And to think thats she
Never uses a book.

H is for Harrison,
Jolly and nice,
Of jokes she is full
But how she hates mice!

H is for Hartshorn,
Whom Commercial groups thank.
For an interesting trip,
To the National Bank.

H is for Hatch,
So loyal and true,
Who takes a keen interest,
In all that we do.

H is for Hazelton,
Who history teaches,
At home, I dare say,
Of history she preaches.

L is for Lapham
Who in History excells,
She knows many stories,
That so nicely she tells.

L is for Lyons,
So peppy and happy,
And when she goes golfing,
Boy, does she look snappy?

M's for Mackenzie,
Who helped bring us fame;
His strong "Briscoe Champs"
Play a very fine game.

M is for McCurdy,
A pianist fine,
Who is humming and singing
Most all of the time.

M is for Murray,
A teacher most fair,
Who has taste in her garments,
And dresses with care.

P is for Pierson,
Who is solving a way
To make Briscoe perfect
On every May Day.

P is for Pullen,
The P. A. girl's friend,
Who is carefully teaching
The girls how to mend.

R is for Robbins
Whose Glee clubs, you know,
Gave a radio broadcast
And made a fine show.

S is for Shatswell
A true friend indeed;
Who helps with our troubles
When we are in need.

S is for Spofford,
So calm and so cool,
Whose handy P. A. boys
Help fix up our school.

V is for Varney,
So clever and bright,
Who says witty things
And in jokes takes delight.

W is for Waite,
To whom we all go
For attractive stage sets
Or electrical show.

W is for Whorff.
A Briscoe teacher new,
Who caught Briscoe's spirit,
As it flitted and flew.

W is for Williams,
So patient and kind,
Who brings children up,
That have fallen behind.

W is for Wittenhagen
A stenographer bright,
Who helps children
Understand wrong from right.

Friction

WHY is it easier to take the heavy groceries home on your sled than to drag it inthe box where the grocer has piled them? Because the smooth runners of the sled reduce the friction of resistance between the load and the ground.

Friction is the resistance which the molecules in one body offer to the molecules in another body when dragged or pushed across its surface. Friction is caused by the uneveness of the surface which is found in the hardest and best polished objects. The smoother the object the less the friction. Since all matter is made of molecules, (tiny round particles of matter) nothing is perfectly smooth; and since this is so, we can never get rid of friction no matter how hard we might try.

Some friction hinders us but in many ways friction is needed.

It is friction that makes the wheels of a locomotive grip the track, and without friction trains could not be stopped by brakes. Streets cars and railroad wheels would spin around in the air with out the resistance. Friction is very necessary in our daily life. It helps us walk. Molecules in the soles of our shoes rub against the molecules in the floor or ground and help us get a firm grip. We could not build a house if we did not have friction to aid us because the nails which we drive in would not stay there. Who is not grateful for friction on a slippery morning when someone has sprinkled ashes on the sidewalk?

Because friction means resistance and never power we sometimes regard it as a nuisance, but yet a world without friction would be a strange place. Friction in the wrong place is a dead loss, but in this world we would never get anywhere if we did not encounter resistance—friction—on the way.

—*Marie Smith*, 8 *GL*

Waves

The deep green waves,
Turning to a snowy white,
As they break with crested foam,
Add beauty to our rugged shores.

ALUMNI

Hail Our Alma Mater!

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater! Hail to thee, thou school so dear!
Once again we haste to greet thee, and again thy praises sing.
Wider paths are ours to travel since we from thy care went forth;
Newer truths are ours to conquer, but we gain by what you taught.
Rich the heritage you gave us, noble gift we cherish well;
That we face our problems squarely, play the game with all our heart.
Proud are we to call you Mother, and our debt to thee we own
For our lives are richer, fuller, having felt thy moulding touch.
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater! Hail to thee, thou school so dear!
Still with us thy memory lingers, even dearer yet thou art!

—*Barbara Conant Styles.*

AN ALUMNI MESSAGE

To the pupils of the Briscoe School:

I wish to write you a short and friendly letter to tell you how much all the alumni and future alumni of Briscoe should appreciate this wonderful school. I say friendly for there is a bond of freindship among all Briscoe Alumni.

It is a privilege for me to be able to tell you that since being graduated from Beverly High School and spending a year at college, the lessons taught at Briscoe are as influential and helpful as ever. Everything learned at Briscoe in studies and social activities forms an excellent foundation not only for high school but college as well. To be, however, the most important remembrance is the Spirit *of Briscoe*. I hear now at college a great deal of discussion about one's outlook on life. There they call it "a philosophy of life." I chuckle to myself and say, "oh, that is only the "Spirit of Briscoe" dressed up."

So to the pupils of Briscoe, I would say—Be loyal to your friends and and school, and do everything that will help carry out our Briscoe motto, "Play the Game Fair." This should never be difficult at Briscoe, for in Mr. Cronin, your principal, you have the best exampler of these very traits.

Sincerely,
Kay Martin, *Briscoe* 1926, *Radcliffe* 1934

EXCHANGES

Beanstalk—Pickering Junior High School

Your article "Gossip" was very interesting.

Shurtleff Shavings—Shurtleff Junior High School,

"Looking Back" and the news section are fine.

The Early Trainer—Essex County Training School.

Your sports section was very interesting, attractive, and well written.

The Pointer—Quincy Point Junior High School.

The literary department of your magazine is one of the best we have seen yet.

The Salt-Shaker—Saltonstall School.

Your "Original Stories" are small, but, "Oh my."

Scholastic Opinion—Rome Junior High School.

Your cover was most attractive and appropriate.

Jefferson Journal—Jefferson Junior High School.

The article "My Grandfather Goes West" was very exciting, and we hope that the person who wrote it will continue to write for your magazine.

Wolf—Wolf Junior High School.

We liked the cover design of your magazine very much. The article

1930 *Year Book*—Norwood Junior High School.

The cuts in your magazine are very fine, and we hope to have as many good pictures in our magazine some day.

The Marguerite — Minneapolis Minneapolis.

Whenever you send us your interesting paper, we never miss reading

Harvard Legend—Harvard School.

The editorial "Why We Should Have a New School Building" interested us as we are debating the same question ourselves.

Aegis—Beverly High School.

Everyone enjoyed "Her Great Adventure" but I hope when the eighth grade pupils of Briscoe become Freshmen the same thing will not happen to them.

We wish we had some poets at Briscoe who could write poems like "Prayer," "Old Books". "To a Star", and "My Little Jules".

B.H.S. News—Beverly High School

You always have a very attractive first page make-up.

Among our exchanges, we have many of the first prize winners in the C.S.P.A. contest. They are:

The Broadcaster—Nashua Junior High School.

The story, "The Prince Comes a 'Wooing", and the rest of your literary department were enjoyed by all.

The Shullton—S. E. Shull Junior High School.

The department "Witty Whisperings" was very amusing.

The Broadcaster—West Junior High School.

Continued articles and stories in school publication are new ideas to us.

The Vista—Eastern Junior High School.

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—*Bradford Lawrence.*
Exchange Editor.

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—*Anita S. Dussault*, 8 *C H*

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—*Bradford Lawrence*

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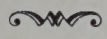
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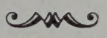
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